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RAOUL WALLENBERG FILE

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23 March 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Search of Wallenberg Files

1. On 21 March 1983, [REDACTED] who is from the office of the NIO for the USSR, reviewed the 201 file of Wallenberg. The purpose of that review was to brief the NSC on the DO's holdings on this case. After a one day session, she concluded that there was little information in those files which might be of interest to the NSC. I then suggested that I would obtain for her the FOIA package that was released on this case.

2. On 22 March, I presented to [REDACTED] the FOIA package which she took back to her office. I also suggested that in addition to the 201 file she may also wish to review the entire FOIA file. The latter includes not only our documentation, but also other agencies's material. In fact a considerable number of documents from that file originated with the Department of State. Presumably, when those documents were sent to State, material on this case in addition to the DO material was released under FOIA.

3. I called [REDACTED] on 23 March to advise her that the FOIA package is available. She did not review it today.

4. One document of particular interest to her is a Studies of Intelligence item of which we also have a copy. It is a thorough review of the Wallenberg story. Since it is classified it cannot be released. Presumably it was reviewed as part of a number of FOIA requests for the Wallenberg material and found not releasable.

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[REDACTED] made a final review of the FOIA
package on 25 MAR and took the attached notes.

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3/25/83; Notes for George K: (Subj: Wallenberg)

① - previous White House involvement. 81-82 - Charles Levy (Lt attorney) - correspondence w/ Pres. Reagan - FOIA request - correspondence btwn (Sporkin & Fred Fielding) to expedite matter -

② No new information on RW's whereabouts or whether he is alive -
Nothing to indicate he was OSS agent; ^{indeed,} info ^{contrary}.

③ ^{CIA} Files do not reveal anything of substance beyond what is in public domain - but can't be released because:

- ① protect sensitive liaison relationships
- ② sources & methods -

④ CIA has responded fully to every State Dept inquiry for info. - nothing of substance has been withheld.

but: any intell. is collateral; this is not involved in intelligence mission -

⑤ [REDACTED] involvement w/ Wallenberg case in recent years -
(don't need to talk about this w/ NSC)

⑥ files show material on several key ^{public} sources which casts doubt on their credibility.

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⑦ Mostly State Dept. documents -
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IMS/FPLG 83/52
5 April 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting on Raoul Wallenberg on 4 April 1983

1. I joined [redacted] and [redacted] in a meeting with Dennis C. Blair of NSC to brief him on our holdings on the Wallenberg case.

2. The meeting was initiated by Mr. Blair who had met with Sonia Sonnenfeld, a Swedish national and a relative of Wallenberg, who had applied to Mr. Blair for support from the USG to locate Wallenberg. Mr. Blair clearly was interested only in collecting enough information from us to satisfy Mrs. Sonnenfeld.

3. Mr. Blair was given a general briefing on the extent of the information in our files highlighting the following points:

a. We have no unique information resulting from CIA activities in regard to Wallenberg.

b. [redacted]

[redacted] we are certain from the fact that the Swedish Government had made available to Mrs. Sonnenfeld some 13,500 pages of documents that all the information we hold was revealed to her.

3. After approximately 20 minutes, Mr. Blair said that he was satisfied with the information that he had received from us and he felt that he need only tell Mrs. Sonnenfeld that the USG had no information relating to the whereabouts of Mr. Wallenberg. From his discussion of this case with us, Mr. Blair made it clear that this case had come up before and that his predecessor had already warned him that Mrs. Sonnenfeld again would appear on the scene some day.

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6 April 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Response to NSC Staff request for information on Raoul Wallenberg.

1. In response to a request from Dennis Blair, National Security Council Staff member, [REDACTED] (A/NIO/USSR), accompanied by [REDACTED] (NIC/AG) and [REDACTED] (DDO/IMS) provided a briefing on the Raoul Wallenberg case. The meeting took place on 4 April 1983. The NIC was asked for an overall evaluation of the status of the Wallenberg case, and to comment on the particulars contained in a letter to Blair from Sonja Sonnenfeld. (C)
2. [REDACTED] opened the discussion by explaining that although the Agency has no analyst assigned to the Wallenberg case per se, [REDACTED] reviewed the Agency files on the subject in response to the NSC request. The results of her review show that CIA has no information of any substance beyond that which can be found in the public domain, but that the CIA files cannot be released because of the sensitivity of liaison relationships with foreign intelligence services, and the necessity of protecting sensitive sources and methods. [REDACTED] elaborated on these points. [REDACTED] then went on to explain that contrary to the implications in Mrs. Sonnenfeld's letter, the Wallenberg case has not been treated as a matter of high priority for US intelligence collection, and properly so, given other pressing needs for intelligence on Soviet matters, and given the vigorous efforts of the Swedish government on Wallenberg's behalf. (S)
3. It was noted that there has been recent White House involvement, through Fred Fielding's office, in expediting an FOIA request to the Agency for information on Wallenberg. Also, the State Department is the principal US government actor in the Wallenberg case. Many of the documents in CIA files are actually State-originated, and the CIA role has largely been one of responding to State inquiries. Nothing of substance has been withheld from State in these exchanges. The State Department has served as the point of contact with the Swedish government. (C)
4. Other points covered in the discussion:
 - a. There is no new information available on Wallenberg's whereabouts or whether he is alive.
 - b. Agency files show some material on several key public sources which casts doubt on their credibility.
 - c. "Stancia": There is no indication of a new kind of Soviet penal institution called by that name. One possible explanation is the use of the term "stancia" as an address for prisoners or exiles in remote locations.

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- d. There was no official OSS association with Wallenberg. He was working as a Swedish diplomat, with financial backing from the US War Refugee Board.
- e. Contrary to assertions in the Sonnenfeld letter, we do not believe it is Soviet practice to deliberately keep prisoners alive at all costs.
- f. We are not able to judge the authenticity of the 1957 Soviet reply about Wallenberg's death. (S)

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